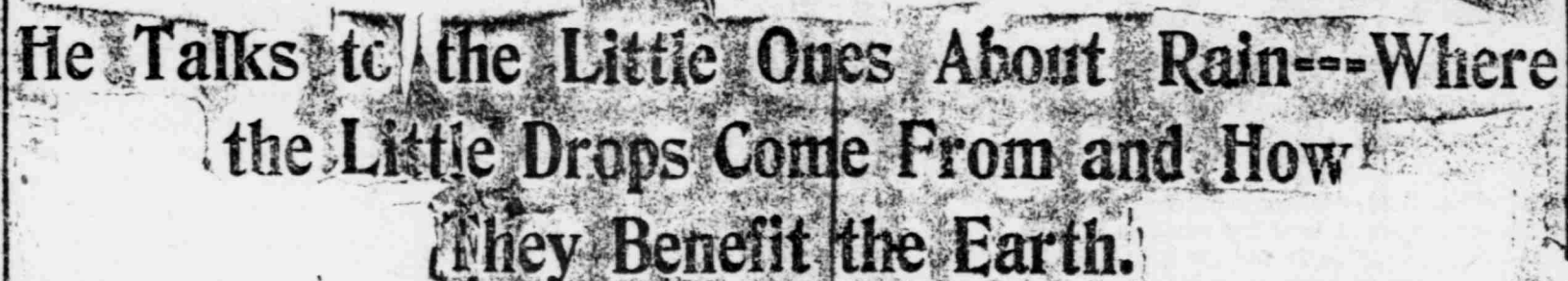


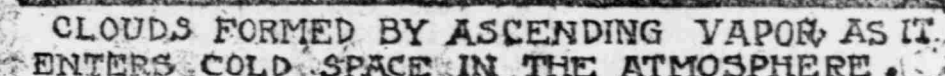
SNOW CRYSTALS

WATER FLOWERS IN MELTING ICE

This illustration shows a collection of ten different patterns arranged in two rows. The top row features five snowflake designs: a simple six-pointed star, a more complex six-pointed star with internal lines, a highly detailed and intricate six-pointed star, a five-pointed star-like shape, and a smaller, more delicate six-pointed star. The bottom row contains five 'water flower' patterns, which are stylized, multi-petaled shapes. The first four are solid black, while the fifth is white with black outlines. Below the patterns, the text 'SNOW CRYSTALS' is written in a stylized, outlined font, and 'WATER FLOWERS IN MELTING ICE' is written in a similar font at the very bottom.



"But how about ice? It looks clear. But if you take a magnifying glass and look down on the surface of ice in the clear light of a sunny day, you will see there, too, a number of star-like forms. Only these look dark. In the center of each appears a bright spot. These imprison-



"Now, just a few words more, and Uncle Joe will be through with his story of the rain-drop. Of late there has been a cry not only in New York state, but also here and there all over the United States against the cutting down of too many trees. Whether or not the trees draw the rain and thereby provide water for the land and its people is too deep for us to go into just now. But I know of no place where the deserts are the places where there are the fewest plants, and I would seem that the good of many kind would best be served by a careful attention to the planting, growing and saving of trees in America."

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tion of this canal via Mobile and Pensacola bays to Florida, there to complete the encircling chain of water by connecting with the cut across that state.

The people of the Mississippi Valley are clamoring for the execution of a project for which the plans are already drawn which shall give a nine-foot channel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf via the Chicago Drainage Canal and the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. Projects are likewise under way for the widening of the Mississippi as a source, and for the improvement of the tributaries, the Tennessee and lesser tributaries, of the

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"Now Woodlark is the place for us. Anyway, I've bought all the oil casks I could get and a lot more in shekots, and so let us bustle and get away."

We did bustle. In twenty-four hours we were clear of Levuka Reef and spinning along to the west-northwest end of the island. The southeast trade breeze for our run of 1600 miles.

Day and night the little schooner raced over the seas at a great speed, and we made the passage in seven days, dropping anchor off the largest village on the island, Guasap. In ten minutes our decks were literally packed with excited natives, all armed but friendly. Had they chosen to ill us and seize the schooner, we would have been an easy task, for

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